

INTERSTATE 880 OPERATIONAL AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT 29TH AVENUE AND 23RD AVENUE OVERCROSSINGS

CITY OF OAKLAND, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

DISTRICT 4 – ALA – 880 (PM 28.4/29.2)

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Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration / Environmental Assessment



**Prepared by the
State of California Department of Transportation**

The environmental review, consultation, and any other action required in accordance with applicable Federal laws for this project is being, or has been, carried-out by Caltrans under its assumption of responsibility pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327.



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General Information About This Document

What's in this document:

The Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Department), as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has prepared this Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the proposed project located within Oakland, in Alameda County, California. This document tells you why the project is being proposed, what alternatives we have considered for the project, how the existing environment could be affected by the project, the potential impacts of each of the alternatives, and the proposed avoidance, minimization and/or mitigation measures.

What you should do:

- Please read the document.
- Additional copies of it, as well as of the technical studies we relied on in preparing it, are available for review at the Caltrans Transportation Library (111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612, www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm), the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (1333 Broadway, Suite 220, Oakland, CA 94612, www.accma.ca.gov), the Oakland Public Library (125 14th Street, Oakland, CA 94612), and the City of Alameda Public Library (1550 Oak Street, Alameda, CA 94501).
- Attend the public hearing, scheduled for January 21, 2010.
- We'd like to hear what you think. If you have any concerns regarding the proposed project, please attend the Public Information Meeting and/or send your written comments to the Department by the deadline.
- Submit comments via postal mail to:
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P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623
- Be sure to submit comments by the deadline: 5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2010

What happens next:

After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, the Department, as assigned by FHWA, may: (1) give environmental approval to the proposed project, (2) do additional environmental studies, or (3) abandon the project. If the project is given environmental approval and funding is appropriated, the ACCMA, in cooperation with the Department, and based on subsequent approvals from the Department, could proceed with design and construction of all or part of the project.

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Construct Operational and Safety Improvements on Interstate 880 (I-880)
at the existing 29th and 23rd Avenue Over-crossings
in the City of Oakland in Alameda County, PM 28.4 to PM 29.2

**INITIAL STUDY with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration
and
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Submitted Pursuant to: (State) Division 13, California Public Resources Code
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THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Transportation

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Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration

Pursuant to: Division 13, Public Resources Code

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Department), in cooperation with the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA), propose construction of operational and safety improvements on Interstate 880 (I-880) at the existing 29th and 23rd Avenue overcrossings to improve mainline traffic movements and safety through the I-880 corridor within the City of Oakland in Alameda County.

Determination

This proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is included to give notice to interested agencies and the public that it is the Department's intent to adopt an MND for this project. This does not mean that the Department's decision regarding the project is final. This MND is subject to modification based on comments received by interested agencies and the public.

An Initial Study/Environmental Assessment has been prepared for this project, and pending public review, the Department expects to determine from this study that the Proposed Project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

The Proposed Project would have no effect on Agricultural Resources, Growth, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Paleontology, and Recreation.

In addition, the Proposed Project would have no significant effect on Air Quality, Biology, Community and Cultural Resources, Hydrology and Water Quality, Geology and Soils, Hazard Waste and Materials, Noise, Utilities/Emergency Services, and Visual/Aesthetics.

The Proposed Project would not have a significant adverse effect on transportation/traffic because the proposed mitigation measures to eliminate and restrict some on-street parking, re-striping of the roadway, and signal modifications to provide additional capacity at certain intersections would reduce potential effects to less than significant.

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